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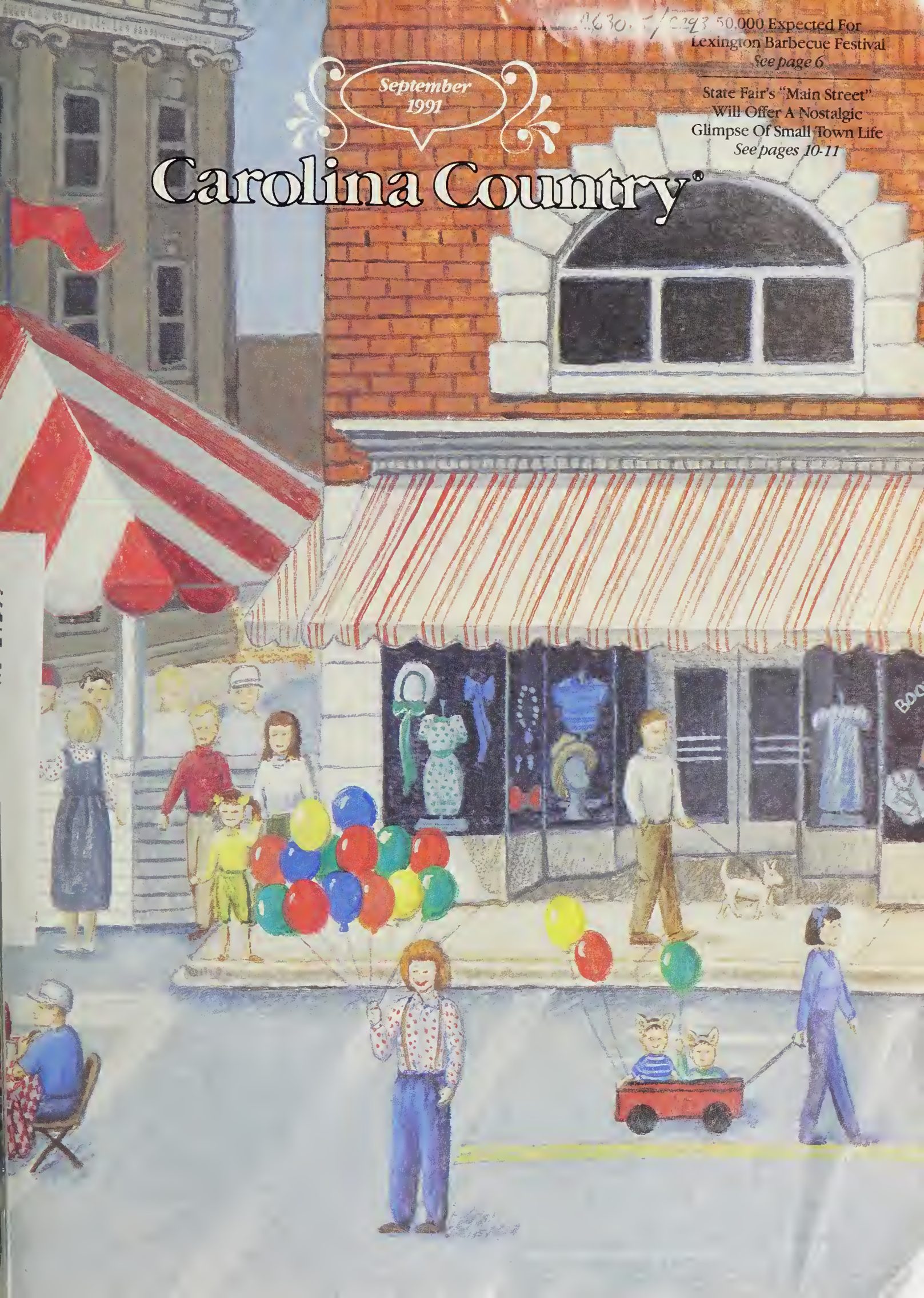

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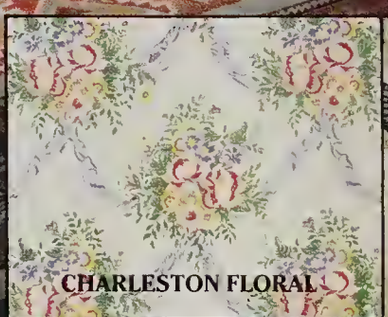

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"Viewpoint" is a monthly commentary by Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and its allied corporations making up the statewide organization of electric cooperatives.

"Bad News Travels Fast; Good News Waits." familiar adage held true for coverage of h Carolina's state budget crisis earlier this with news of the General Assembly oving $650 million in tax increases traveling nd far. Now comes the good news: It could been worse.

For example, you and the other 570,000 bers of the state's rural electric coopera- won't have to pay $7.5 million in additional taxes on your electric bills.

That's because we worked hard to exclude bills from the 1 percent increase in the s sales tax approved by the General Assem- is summer.

That victory wasn't without a fight. There ressure to include the increase, which the state's sales tax to 4 percent from 3 nt, to utility bills. But we believed that se would put too much of the tax burden r members, who already are faced with g to pay the increased sales tax on gro- clothes and other necessities.

That was one victory in the recent session General Assembly for the consumer- ers of North Carolina's 28 electric ratives.

here were more than 2,200 bills intro- during the session, many of them dealing ow co-ops and other businesses operate. sides working to keep your utility bills as possible, we also took action to help egislation that would have limited the types of electrical work a co-op can perform for its members.

For years, many co-ops have installed water heaters, security lights and performed other electrical duties as a service to their members. Other utilities have done so as well.

One proposed bill would have made it unlawful for a utility to do any electrical work unless it was related to load management devices, single-family security lights or roadway and highway lighting.

We believe legislation of this type is too restricting for co-ops and would unfairly increase costs for our consumer-members.

One key bill we supported will pay long-term benefits because it changes the way the N.C. Rural Electrification Authority (NCREA) is funded. NCREA is a state agency that oversees the state's electric and telephone cooperatives.

Under a new law, the NCREA will become a user-funded agency with the state's electric and telephone cooperatives paying fees to operate the agency, thus saving the state tax dollars. This funding mechanism is already in effect for the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the agency that regulates the state's investor-owned utilities, and for the N.C. Department of Insurance, which regulates the insurance industry.

The effort to apply this funding approach to NCREA was voluntarily initiated by the state's utility co-ops. With the state cutting back on many services, concern arose that NCREA operations would also be trimmed, curtailing useful services to the state's electric and telephone co-ops and their members.

We are indeed pleased with these and other decisions during the recent session. We were fortunate to have the advice and counsel of many co-op supporters around the state who helped get our message across to the lawmakers. I hope we can count on this kind of support in the future and I hope we can count you among our supporters.

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Cover: A Detail From Suellen McCrary Welcome To The Barbecue Festival 19

Our cover features a detail from a painting depicting the festivitie along Main Street at the annual Lexington Barbeque Festival. The pain ing, "Welcome To The Barbecue Festival 1991," is reproduced here in entirety.

High Point artist Suellen McCrary was commissioned to paint the scene for use as the second in a series of limited edition prints comm orating the festival. Her "Hats Off To Barbecue," issued in 1990, was t first print in the series. Both were commissioned by the festival spons Branch Banking and Trust Co. and *The Dispatch* in Lexington.

Mrs. McCrary, who has assisted festival officials with graphics us in connection with the event for several years, is a native of Greensbo and a former resident of Lexington. The free-lance illustrator and gra designer is a graduate of Appalachian State University.

"Welcome To The Barbecue Festival 1991" is available as a signe and-numbered print with an image size of 8 inches by 21 inches on 12-inch by 24-by-24-inch paper. Copies are $25 each plus 5 percent sales tax and $6 for shipping.

Copies of the first print, "Hats Off To Barbecue," also are availab They are $25 each plus 5 percent sales tax and $3 for shipping. Its im size is 18 inches by 24 inches on paper measuring 21 inches by 28 in

To order copies or for more information, write to Barbecue Fest P.O. Box 1642, Lexington, N.C. 27293. Call toll-free Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by dialing (800) 222-5579.

This year's festival is planned for Oct. 26. For details on events scheduled as part of the festival, see story, page 6.

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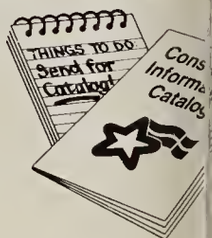

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EDITOR'S LETTER

· Readers,

Inside this issue you'll find details on many upcoming events around tate, including the State Fair, Oct. 18-27 (pages 10-11) and the 26 Lexington Barbecue Festival (page 6). "Here/There/ ywhere" (pages 7-9) lists a number of other festivals and fairs. These are sure signs of fall, as is the long list of Electric Membership orations that will host annual meetings in the next few months. "EMC Annual Meetings Calendar," page 25) This year, 15 of the s 28 co-ops have such meetings in September, October and mber. Ten of them are set in October alone.

hope these listings prove helpful to you as you plan your schedule. s why we make the effort to include them. If you are involved in ing an event of widespread general interest, let us know about it e'll try to include a notice about it in a future issue. Because of our ction schedule, these notices need to be submitted at least 10 s in advance of the event.

hat deadline for events items is based on our plans for revising the ction schedule later this year as part of an effort to streamline our tions and improve the magazine's overall effectiveness.

Ve are establishing earlier deadlines in order to get the magazine to aders at the beginning of the month. Under the current cycle, the ine reaches our readers after the 15th of the month. In shifting to w schedule, we will be combining our November and December into one edition that will be mailed in November. That will allow roduce the January 1992 edition for mailing in early January.

g issues will follow a similar schedule.

or more details on these and other plans for improving the maga- e story, page 14.

you love good country cooking you might be especially interested all ad on page 18. It is promoting a new magazine that will feature from various statewide rural electric cooperative publications rolina Country.

CIPES Magazine is being launched as a bimonthly collection of e recipes" from rural cooks across the country. All of them will be ed from the pages of participating rural electric publications.

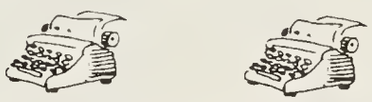
a project of William J. Plunket Jr. of Raleigh, who has teamed up artner in establishing a new company to produce the magazine r other programs for rural consumers.

nket knows the market because he served for 14 years as man- he National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's insurance ng subsidiary. He oversaw all advertising for the company's Co-op e Fund products in various statewide rural electric publications, g *Carolina Country*.

Since 1986 he has operated his own insurance business in Raleigh. His partner in the new enterprise is Daniel C. Pounds, a Greensboro insurance company representative.

The new Raleigh-based firm, RECervices, Inc., is unrelated to the partners' insurance marketing operations and will promote no insurance programs through the new magazine.

Charter subscriptions covering the first six issues of *RECIPES Magazine* are available through the ad for $19.95.



Bob Timberlake of Lexington, a businessman/artist/furniture designer who has had strong ties to *Carolina Country* over the past 20 years, is about to release a new time-limited edition print. Titled, "Heavy Snow," it is a scene the artist sees from a rear window in his Davidson County studio. The image is reproduced in a full color ad on page 13.

Reservations for this special reproduction are being accepted by The Heritage Company only through Nov. 8, 1991.

Donations from the sale of this print will benefit the Duke University Cancer Center and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Over the years, donations from the marketing of Timberlake reproductions have raised more than $600,000 for the Duke Cancer Center.

Prints of "Heavy Snow" are scheduled for delivery in early December. For more information contact: The Heritage Gallery, P. O. Box 1027, Lexington, N. C. 27293. Phone (704) 249-4428.

Best regards,

Owen Bishop

Set For Oct. 26

50,000 Expected For Lexington Barbecue Festi

More than 50,000 visitors are expected to turn out for the 8th Annual Lexington Barbecue Festival Oct. 26 in downtown Lexington.

The festival will feature a wide array of activities to entertain adults and children, plus plenty of the famous Lexington barbecue and other food.

For children, rides and games will be offered at "piglet land." For adults, the attractions will include 150 top craftsmen and entertainment by country music singers Gary Morris and Shelly West.

Preliminaries to the festival will include a golf tournament, Oct. 19-20; a dance, Oct. 19; and a new feature, the Barbecue Festival Open tennis tournament, Oct. 12-27.

Activities planned for festival day include the traditional "hawg" run, the parade of pigs, entertainment on five outdoor stages, a festival carnival for older visitors, a crafts show and the barbecue cheer-off. A beer garden will also be set up on Main Street with entertainment provided by the Part-time Party Band.

Morris and West will perform that night at the Civic Center. West is the daughter of the late country music star Dottie West, who appeared at the 1990 festival.

Preparing barbecue for the event will be Sonny Conrad of the Barbecue Center, Boyd and Roy Dunn of Speedy's Barbecue, John Little of John Wayne's Lexington Barbecue, Dan Stamey of Stamey's Barbecue and the Hog Rock Cafe, Jimmy Harvey of Jimmy's Barbecue and Don Latham and Mike Ricker of Whitley's Barbecue.

The festival is sponsored by Branch Banking and Trust Company and the Lexington *Dispatch*.

Festival sponsors have marked this year's event by issuing a signed-and-numbered limited print depicting some of the festival's events along Main Street in Lexington.

The print, titled "Welcome To The Barbecue Festival, 1991," is by Suellen McCrary of High Point. It is the second in a series of prints commemorating the festival. The first, "Hats Off To Barbecue," was issued in 1990. (For details about ordering the prints, see related story, page 4.)

For more information on any of these activities, contact the Barbecue Festival at P.O. Box 1642, Lexington, N.C. 27293. Phone: (704) 956-2952.

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Valle Crucis To Host Country Fair

Crafts, food and plenty of square dancing will be on tap at the 13th Annual Valle Country Fair in Valle Crucis, near Boone Oct. 4-5.

The fair, sponsored by the Church of the Holy Cross, will benefit programs for the needy in Watauga and Avery Counties.

For more information, contact the church at P.O. Box 671, Valle Crucis, N.C. 28691.

Auto Show Slated In Burke County

Cars and trucks in 36 classes will be judged at the Drexel Volunteer Fire Department Car and Truck Show Sept. 28 in Burke County.

The show at the Drexel Fairgrounds will begin at 8 a.m. Adult tickets are $2. Children under 12 are admitted free.

For more information, or to learn how to enter an auto in the show, call Clinton Ray at (704) 874-3592.

Foundation Seeks Sponsors For Reproduction 1840 Capitol Chairs

The State Capitol Foundation is seeking sponsors for special limited edition reproduction 1840 chairs to be used in the capitol's House and Senate Chambers.

The chairs will replace those that have become too fragile to use. Those chairs will be given to the N. C. Museum of History.

Each sponsored chair will feature an engraved brass plate bearing the name of the sponsor or the person memorialized through the gift.

The chairs, made of mahogany and upholstered in black horsehair fabric, also can be purchased for personal use. Chair sponsorships are $595 for a Senate chair and $450 for a House chair.

For more information, call the State Capitol Foundation at (919) 733-4994.

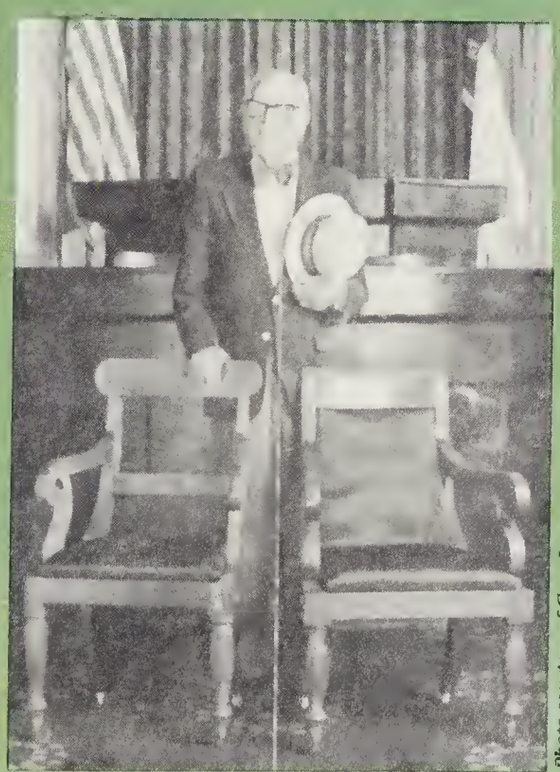

Photo courtesy of Gary Jensen

Former North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure with capitol chairs.

Craft Show Set In Trenton

Quilts and crafts for show and sale will be featured at the Jones County Civic Center, Oct. 26, in Trenton.

The show, sponsored by the Extension Homemakers of Jones County, will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adult tickets are $1.

For more information, call the Jones County Extension office at (919) 448-9621.

Writers Target Deceptive Ads

The Garden Writers Association of America is asking for help in stopping deceptive claims made by mail-order firms.

Mail-order garden products dealers should stand behind their products and refund money to dissatisfied customers, the GWAA says. The organization is taking aim at misleading ads by such companies and will report offenders to postal officials.

To report a deceptive ad or a supplier that has failed to deliver as advertised, write to Susie Plimpton, GWAA, P.O. Box 5039, Asheville, NC 28813. Please enclose a copy of the ad in question.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

Wendell To Host Arts Festival

About 10,000 people are expected in downtown Wendell for the Founder's Day Celebration of the Bright Leaf Folk Arts Festival Oct. 4-6.

Most of the activities are scheduled for Oct. 5, when the festival's grand marshal, state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, officially opens the celebration.

Events include a juried arts show, barbecue contest and rides and amusements for children.

For more information, call the Wendell Chamber of Commerce at (919) 365-6318.

Festival Will Salute Apples

The Third Annual Apple City Apple Festival, scheduled for Oct. 19 in the business district of Taylorsville, will feature a parade, crafts, food and a variety of apple items.

Entertainment will be provided by local bands and cloggers, with square dancing to be offered at times.

The event is sponsored by the Sugar Loaf Community Development Association.

For more information, contact Virginia Deal at P.O. Box 115, Taylorsville, N.C. 28681, (704) 632-6567, or Louise Adams at (704) 632-4839.

Highlands To Host Crafts Festival

Local artisans will be displaying their crafts at the Highlands Own Craft Festival Oct. 5 at the Woodruff Civic Center in Highlands.

The festival, running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and Highlands Recreation.

For more information, contact Betty Simmons, Rt. 2, Box 383A, Highlands, N.C. 28741.

Autumn Events Planned In Macon County

The month of October will be filled with a variety of fun events in Macon County.

On Oct. 12, the 9th Annual Leaf Looker's Clogging Jamboree will be at the Franklin High School Gymnasium in Franklin.

The 7 p.m. event will feature bluegrass music and award-winning clogging groups. Tickets are $4.

Franklin will host its Town Fest Oct. 18-19. A full day of crafts, food and entertainment will be in store for visitors.

Countless gems will be on display at the 2nd Annual Leaf Looker's Gemboree Oct. 23-27 at the Macon County Community Building in Franklin. Tickets are $2.

For more information on any of these events, call the Franklin Chamber of Commerce toll-free at (800) 336-7829.

Horse Ride-a-T Slated For Oct.

Ride-a-Thon, a program combini horseback riding support for a wor cause, is schedule for Oct. 13 in Sou ern Pines.

The event, spo sored by the Pran Horse Center for apeutic Horseba Riding, will featu lunch, entertainn and awards.

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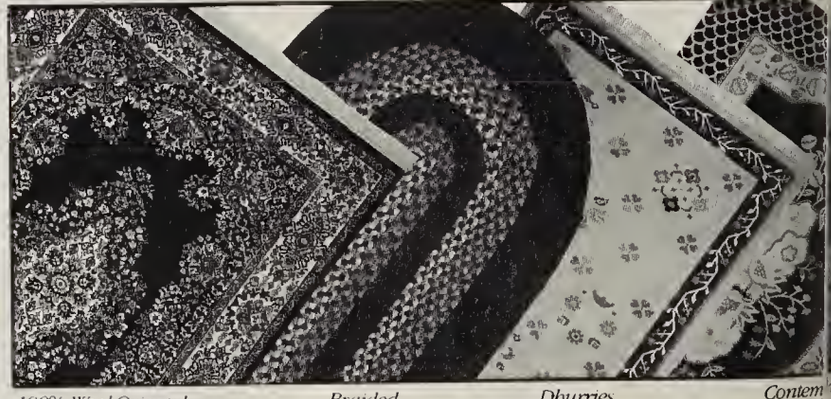

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"Day In Historic Tarboro" Planned

Tours of 10 private homes, historic churches and public buildings are scheduled as part of "A Day in Historic Tarboro" Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The annual event will also include demonstrations of traditional crafts and trades, a "Fun Run/Walk" through the historic district, art exhibits, Clydesdale wagon rides and live music.

For tour tickets and more information, write or call the Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council, 130 Bridgers St., Tarboro, N.C. 27886. Phone: (919) 641-2787.

Albemarle Craft Fair Slated For Elizabeth City

Skilled artists will be selling and displaying their works at the 33rd Annual Albemarle Craftsman's Fair Oct. 25-27 in Elizabeth City.

The fair, sponsored by the Albemarle Craftsman's Guild, will be at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. the first two days and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. the final day.

In addition, many craftsmen will answer questions from visitors while creating handcrafted items.

For more information, contact the Albemarle Craftsman's Guild Fair, P.O. Box 1301, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27906.

Colonial Living Day Planned

Outdoor cooking, corn shuck mop-making, chair-bottoming and other 18th century activities will be demonstrated at Colonial Living Day Oct. 13 at the Fort Dobbs historic site in Statesville.

The event will run from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

For more information, call Fort Dobbs at (704) 873-5866.

People Fest Set Oct. 12

Wadesboro will roll out the good times at the annual People Fest celebration, Oct. 12.

The event, which will take place along the streets of downtown Wadesboro, will feature crafts, food, the music of the Fabulous Kays and a giant fireworks display.

For more information, call Denise Beachum at (704) 694-2625.

History Museum To Host "Christmas Past and Presents" Show Oct. 17-20

A wide variety of arts, crafts and other specialty items will be offered for sale by the museum shop and outside vendors at the North Carolina Museum of History's 1991 "Christmas Past and Presents" show Oct. 17-20.

The show, which will be set up in the first floor corridors and under a tent in the museum portico, will feature numerous items from the museum shop that are based on artifacts in the museum's collection. They will be available for the first time during this event.

The show will be open Oct. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m.; Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Oct. 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Oct. 20, noon-5 p.m.

A related program featuring Christmas decorations demonstrations is scheduled for Oct. 18-Oct. 20 in the museum auditorium. The sessions will be conducted by Grady Wheeler, who oversaw Yuletide season decorations at Tryon Palace for seven years and who has designed holiday decorations at the Governor's Mansion since 1987.

Wheeler's sessions will focus on mantels, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.; doors, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.; Christmas at Tryon Palace and the Governor's Mansion, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.; and tables, Oct. 20 , 2 p.m. The admission fee for each session will be $2 per person.

For more information, call the Museum of History Associates at (919) 733-3076.

"Goodness Grows" Exhibit

A Nostalgic Salute To Small Town Lif

A nostalgic look at small-town life in the Tar Heel state will be combined with a salute to home-grown North Carolina food products in a special exhibit at the State Fair in Raleigh, Oct. 18-27.

The exhibit, organized by the state Department of Agriculture as part of the "Goodness Grows In North Carolina" promotion, is titled "Main Street North Carolina." It will depict a typical street scene in a small Tar Heel community in the 1940s and '50s.

The show will occupy half the floor space in the Kerr Scott Building and will offer more displays than the exhibits of past years.

A farmers market will feature fresh produce and vegetables whil the gift shop will sell *Goodness Grows in North Carolina* cookbooks other gifts from North Carolina.

A columned courthouse will house displays for the Cooperative Council of North Carolina, the Cooperat Extension Service, the North Carolina Grange and state's Electric Membership porations. (See box, below, f details.)

The barber shop will ha an old-fashioned haircut parl No barbers will actually cut h there, but barbershop-style singing will be performed at the shop at various times during the fa

The school will be a familiar "little red scho house," complete with antique desks and a school b In addition, youths from 4-H Clubs and Future Farmer America chapters will be on hand at times to complete th glimpse of yesteryear.

The butcher shop will feature North Carolina products: pork, b seafood, chicken, turkey and duck. A total of 34 commodity groups be represented.

The floral and herb shop will have exhibits by commercial flow growers and herb growers. Nurserymen will also provide the decor the center of Main Street.

The soda shop—another familiar landmark—will house displa from Pepsi-Cola and commercial dairies, with ice cream products b spotlighted.

The smoke shop will live up to its name with exhibits of North Carolina tobacco and tobacco products.

The Goodness Grows in North Carolina country store from th fair will be a key part of the Main Street exhibit. This store will hav program's full-color 1991 gift catalog, and items from the catalog on play. This exhibit attracted thousands of fairgoers in years past.

The feed, seed and tack shop will reflect the growing importa horses in North Carolina, with a full line of supplies for horsemen, feed, seed and other supplies.

The press room will duplicate an old-fashioned radio broadcas dio, which will be fully functional. The official Main Street newspa the *Goodness Grows Gazette,* will be available to visitors without

The buildings are being prepared with attractive, colorful fac convey the appropriate image. The Main Street atmosphere will in such touches as old-style street lights, a fountain in the center of th street and a gazebo.

The whole show is planned to offer fairgoers a look at how N Carolinians lived not so long ago and to provide information about Heel products.

Antique Rolltop Desk Will Anchor Display

A rolltop desk that dates to 1890 will serve as the centerpiece of an interior display in the "courthouse" of the State Fair's Main Street North Carolina exhibit.

Fairgoers visiting the display will have an opportunity to register for the desk and a companion chair, which will be given away through a drawing at the conclusion of the 10-day fair.

The desk, once used in the office of a Moore County lumber dealer, was provided by North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, one of the four statewide organizations represented in the "courthouse." The others are the Cooperative Council of North Carolina, the North Caro- a Grange and the North Carolina Coop- tive Extension Service.

The display will also feature old photog hs and other items recalling the activiti of these organizations during the late 19 s and early '40s.

Show Biz Legends, New Country Stars Scheduled To Appear At Dorton Arena

Four popular show-business legends and several top new country music acts will be featured on the Dorton Arena concert stage at the 1991 North Carolina State Fair, Oct. 18-27, in Raleigh.

Country music stars Don Williams, Ronnie Milsap and the Charlie Daniels Band will join rock 'n' roll veteran Chubby Checker in highlighting the fair's nightly entertainment program.

Milsap and Daniels are both North Carolina natives who have had scores of hits topping the country music charts over the past two decades. Williams has produced a long list of hit records featuring his distinctive easy-going style.

Checker, whose music launched the "Twist" dance craze, has been rming for 30 years.

The entertainment schedule also includes concerts by some of the st new country music talents: Travis Tritt, Joe Diffie, Alan Jackson orrie Morgan.

Tritt will open the concert series Oct. 18, performing such hits as 's A Quarter, Call Someone Who Cares," and "Put Some Drive In Country."

Checker, whose hits include "The Twist," "Limbo Rock" and "Let's Again," is slated for Oct. 19.

The gospel sounds of the Lewis Family and the Dixie Melody Boys will be featured Oct. 20.

The Charlie Daniels Band, best known for "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," will follow on Oct. 21.

The entertainment schedule's home stretch will be pure country. Mel McDaniel ("Louisiana Saturday Night") will perform Oct. 22; Lorrie Morgan ("You've Seen A Picture of Me Without You"), Oct. 23; Alan Jackson ("Don't Rock the Jukebox"), Oct. 24.

Joe Diffie ("If The Devil Danced In Empty Pockets") will perform Oct. 25, with Don Williams taking the stage Oct. 26. Williams' hits include "If Hollywood Don't Need You, I Still Do" and "Lord, Have Mercy On A Country Boy."

Ronnie Milsap, whose hits include "It Was Almost Like a Song," "What a Difference You've Made in My Life" and "Since I Don't Have You," will wrap up the concert series on Oct. 27.

Admission to the arena shows is free, but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All shows are set for 7 p.m. The arena doors open at 6 p.m.

ir Ready For Recycling

he State Fair's long-standing commitment to a clean environment ues in 1991 with the placement of 150 recycling barrels for alumi- ans on the fairgrounds.

onsoring the recycling program are Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and Industries Inc., both of Raleigh. Volunteers from Sanderson High in Raleigh will collect cans from the barrels throughout the 10- r. The program's goal is to collect 500,000 cans for recycling.

roceeds will go to the school's Band Booster Club, whose members l the fluorescent orange barrels. Fair patrons are to continue using een barrels for regular trash.

nother recycling program, Pepsi Day, will be held Wednesday, Oct. rgoers can enter free if they turn in six empty Pepsi or Mountain uminum cans.

st year, the fourth-annual Pepsi Day helped set a weekday attend- cord of 109,077. More than 63,000 fair patrons used empty cans admission to the event.

ck car legend Richard Petty will be on hand during Pepsi Day sign autographs.

Oct. 22: Senior Day

Music, clogging and a humorous hat contest will highlight the 30th annual Senior Citizens Day at the North Carolina State Fair Tuesday, Oct. 22, starting at 10 a.m. in Dorton Arena.

The Athens Drive High School band will open the program, and the Carolina Country Boys from Haywood County will perform. Entertainment will also include the State Fair Cloggers.

The Humorous Hat Contest, offering a $50 prize, is another highlight, according to Superintendent June Barbour of Raleigh. To enter, write to Senior Citizens Day, N.C. State Fair, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27607. Entry deadline is October 1.

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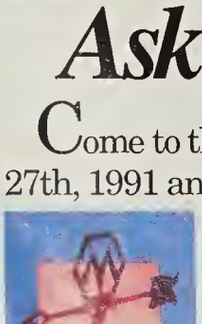

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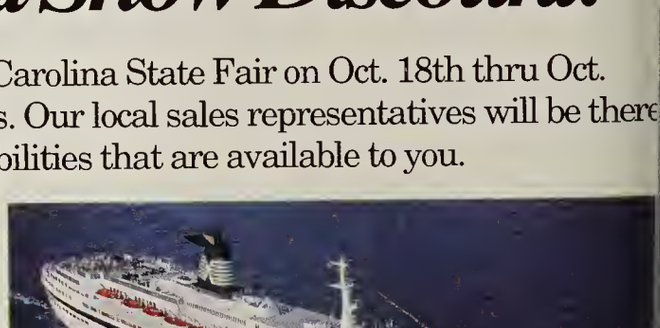

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ure On Elmseed Project "Was Excellent"

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'm continually amazed at all the "goodies" found in your magazine. ks.

Dolly Thomas, Brevard

An article in Carolina Country *inspired Mrs. Thomas to launch a t that resulted in the planting of about 100 disease-resistent elm n Transylvania County. She also assisted the Elm Research Insti- providing seedlings for a similar project in Amarillo, Texas. fter the feature on Mrs. Thomas appeared in the July issue, insti- fficials received nearly 300 inquiries from the magazine's s. For more information on the institute's programs, write to the y at this address: Elm Research Institute, Main Street, Harrisville, 3450. Or call toll-free at 800-367-3567.*

lp Control Deadly Ticks, "Look Before Killing" Snakes

June write-up mentioned a possible tick-killed bluebird. I found a wallow with a large tick. Ticks are my biggest discontent in this state. A major tick control is rodent control yet most people kill any snake—a major rodent control.

Of almost 40 snake species here only cottonmouths, copperheads and rattlers are unfriendly and all are pit vipers with heads shaped to accommodate venom fangs and sacs and infra-red sensors (pits). Please look before killing! I, for one, prefer the threat of a snake bite than that of a tick bite.

Ed Sullivan
Rt. 2, Aurora

"Very Impressed" With Magazine

I receive the *Carolina Country* every month and I like it very much. I am very impressed with the cover picture each month and also the interesting articles and recipes.

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Plans November-December Issue

Carolina Country Moving To Improve Its Effectiveness As A Consumer Magazine

Carolina Country readers can look for some dramatic changes in the magazine during the next few months.

The monthly magazine will combine its November and December issues into a single edition in order to get the publication into the mail on an earlier schedule.

The step is part of a broad plan to improve the magazine's effectiveness as a consumer-oriented publication.

The plan also calls for incorporating a new graphics format, fine-tuning the magazine's content and expanding its marketing program to increase advertising revenues.

Carolina Country is the official publication of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) and their statewide organization. It is published by the statewide operation for distribution to the consumer-members of EMCs throughout the state.

The magazine currently goes into the homes of 340,000 families. It reaches more Tar Heel readers than any other North Carolina-based publication.

"*Carolina Country* is an important vehicle for keeping co-op members informed about the state's rural electric program," said Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of the EMCs' statewide organization. "We are trying to build on its tradition of service and make it an even more effective link between the co-ops and their members."

The publication was established in 1946 as an independent farm magazine based in Greensboro. Then known as *The Carolina Farmer,* it soon became allied with the fledgling rural electrification movement. Several years later, it was purchased by the co-ops' statewide organization. Its name was changed in 1969 to reflect the changing character of its audience.

Keller said the effort to revamp the publication will be guided by the results of a research project that seeks input from the readers. The project has involved focus group sessions and will include a readership survey.

In the survey, about 2,000 readers are being asked to complete a questionnaire evaluating the magazine's overall appeal, usefulness and readability.

Meanwhile, combining the November and December issues will allow for a smooth transition to the new production schedule and for introducing the new graphics format in the January 1992 issue.

Keller said the magazine's marketing and promotion activities are being expanded to offset declining advertising revenues.

"The sluggish economy has severely reduced magazine advertising throughout the country and we're feeling the impact of that. We hope to offset that by emphasizing contacts with North Carolina businesses that are not currently advertising in *Carolina Country.*"

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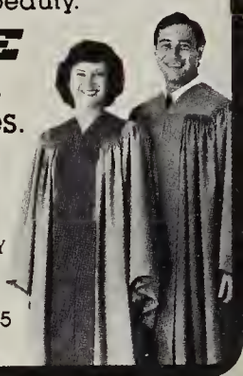

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ne state in early October to mark "Co-op
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e Cooperative Council of North Carolina,
will spotlight the principles that guide cooperative enterprises and the role co-ops play in the state's economy.

Three luncheons, a breakfast and a barbecue dinner are planned, as follows:

- Sunset Beach—Oct. 1, 8:30 a.m. breakfast at Sea Trails Plantation and Golf Links.
- Raleigh—Oct. 2, noon luncheon at the State Farmers Market.
- Marshall—Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m. breakfast at A-B Technical Community College.
- Statesville—Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m. barbecue dinner at Lakewood Park.
- Camden—Oct. 9, noon luncheon at Watermark Craft Cooperative.
- Tarboro—Oct. 10, noon luncheon at the new headquarters of Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation, Tarboro.

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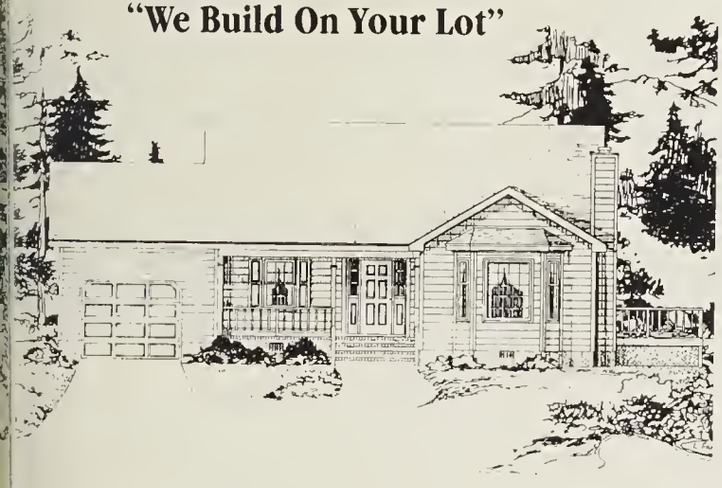

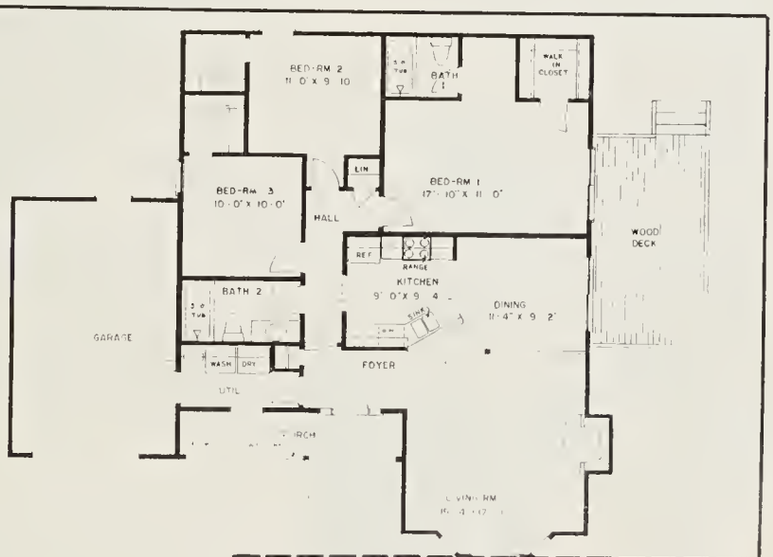

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Periodical Spotlights Women's Histor

The July 1991 issue of *North Carolina Historical Review* is devoted entirely to women's history in the Tar Heel state.

Its six articles were originally presented as papers at the first conference on North Carolina women's history sponsored by the Division of Archives and History, held in March, 1990, in Raleigh.

In the introduction to this special issue of the *Review,* Ann Frior Scott, W.K. Boyd Professor of History at Duke University, considers the status of North Carolina women's history and comments on the six articles.

In "Women Artisans in Backcountry North Carolina, 1753-1790," Johanna Miller Lewis studies crafts in the Rowan Count area and discovers, contrary to conventional wisdom, that on the frontier a large number of women practiced a variety of trades.

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Laura F. Edwards and Glenda Elizabeth Gilmore, both doc toral candidates at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, take a fresh look at women in the Reconstruction era. The articles explore the ways in which race, politics and gender affected women in the New South.

Articles by Pamela Dean, Kathryn L. Nasstrom and Sarah Wilkerson-Freeman focus on women's colleges, associations a clubs and their importance in creating a generation of women leaders in North Carolina. All three authors are Ph.D. candidat at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

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Submitted by Mrs. Sheila Kalnen, Hampstead

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1/4 tsp. salt (optional)
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 C herb seasoning stuffing mix
2 T butter or margarine

Cook broccoli and drain. Blend soup and flour together in bowl, then add milk, grated carrots, grated onion, crab meat with salt and pepper. Add to broccoli and stir gently until well mixed. Place in 2-quart casserole. In a separate bowl combine butter or margarine (melted) with stuffing mix and sprinkle around top edge of dish. Bake in 350-degree oven for 30-35 minutes. This recipe can be varied by adding other ingredients of your choice.

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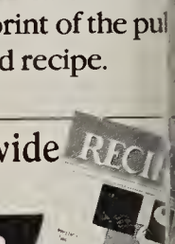

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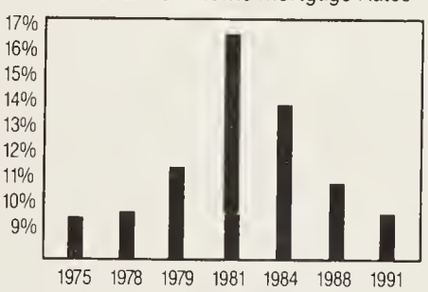

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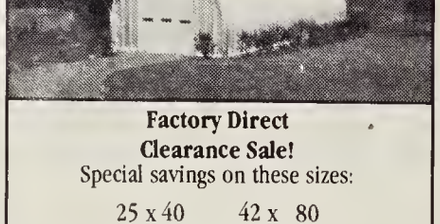
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• **Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough**—Directors re-elected were J. Douglas Simmons of Rt. 2, Elon College; Alva H. Clayton of Rt. 1, Timberlake; and Richard C. Roberts of Hillsborough.

Officers for the coming year are Richard C. Roberts, president; Franklin Murphy of Rt. 3, Mebane, vice president; Marvin Poythress of Chapel Hill, secretary; and Alvin Hawkins of Rt. 1, Hurdle Mills, treasur

• **Randolph EMC, Asheboro**—Directors re-elected were Steve Harris of Rt. 1, Carthage; Paul Hurley of Rt. 2, Troy; and Delbert Cranfo of Rt. 3, Denton.

Officers for the coming year are Charles Teague of Rt. 1, Seagrove, president; Bobby Wright of Rt. 1, Asheboro, vice president; and Larry Routh of Rt. 1, Franklinville, secretary-treasurer.

• **South River EMC, Dunn**—Directors re-elected were Francis Clifton of Rt. 1, Faison; Ralph Johnson of Rt. 1, Roseboro; and Charles Collier of Rt. 1, Linden.

Officers for the coming year are Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, president; Charles Collier, vice president; Ralph Johnson, secretar and Harvey Flowers of Rt. 2, Four Oaks, treasurer.

• **Wake EMC, Wake Forest**—Directors re-elected were Dan E. Woody of Rt. 3, Oxford; J. Howard Conyers of Rt. 1, Franklinton; and Robinette Husketh of Rt. 1, Creedmoor.

Officers for the coming year are John M. Ferrell of Rt. 5, Durham, president; Roy Ed Jones Jr. of Wake Forest, vice president; Robert Joe Eddins of Rt. 3, Zebulon, secretary; and J. Howard Conyers, treasurer.

ZooFest '91 To Feature Felines And Family Fun

The North Carolina Zoological Park will salute the mystery, grace and power of Africa's cats in October as the zoo celebrates ZooFest '91.

The celebration, featuring educational programs and live entertainment each weekend in October, also includes two special events: ZooWalk Oct. 12 and a Halloween festival, Boo at the Zoo, Oct. 26-27. Educational programs each Saturday will focus on the zoo's cats. Special games will use feline themes.

ZooWalk, a non-competitive walk, will be held over a 10-kilometer course through the zoo's 300-acre African exhibit region and be held over the North American region, a new 200-acre section still under construction. The walk will begin at 10 a.m.

Boo at the Zoo will include trick-or-treating around the park, carnival games and a haunted tram ride. The festivities are scheduled from 3 to 9 p.m. the first day and from 3 to 7 p.m. the second. The events are included in the zoo's regular price of admission except for a $1 fee for the tram ride.

Live entertainment will be featured at the park every Sunday in October, with performances slated for 2 p.m. in the Zoo Plaza. Entertainers will include the Dixieland group, the Swamp Cats; "Cat Tales," presented by professional storytellers and a children's tap dance review.

The zoo's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends and holidays. The schedule from November through March is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children ages 2 to 12 and for senior citizens. For more information on ZooFest '91, contact the zoo at Rt. 4, Box 83, Asheboro, N.C. 27203. Phone: (919) 879-2891.

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Annual Meetings Calendar

Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
September			
21	Albemarle, Hertford	Registration: Noon Business Meeting: 2 p.m.	Perquimans High School, Hertford
28	Carteret-Craven, Morehead City	Registration: 6 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	West Carteret High School, Morehead City
28	Union, Monroe	Registration: 7 a.m. Business Meeting: 11 a.m.	Wingate College, Hwy. 74, Wingate
October			
4	Central, Sanford	Registration: 6 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Civic Center, Nash St., Sanford
5	Surry-Yadkin, Dobson	Registration: 8 a.m. Business Meeting: 10 a.m.	Surry Central High School, Dobson
5	Tideland, Pantego	Registration: 1:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 3 p.m.	Learning Resource Center, Beaufort County Community College, Washington
7	Cape Hatteras, Buxton	Registration: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8 p.m.	Cape Hatteras School, Hwy. 12, Buxton
12	Brunswick, Shallotte	Registration: 8 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.	Smith's Warehouse, Hwy. 701, Whiteville
12	Crescent, Statesville	Registration: 8 a.m. Business Meeting: 10 a.m.	Statesville Senior High School, Statesville
12	Davidson, Lexington	Registration: 9 a.m. Business Meeting: 10 a.m.	Central High School, Hwy. 47, Lexington

4 Students Honored In 4-H Competitions

Student presentations on hazardous household products, waste reduction, electrical safety and special wiring for controlling lamps were honored in contests sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives during State 4-H Congress in Raleigh in July.

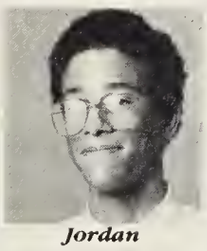
Cox

The winning contestants were Chandra Cox, Rt. 1, Four Oaks; Cammie Kirby, Rt. 1, Lucama; Jimmie Jordan, Rt. 3, Hertford; and Antonio Floyd, Rt. 6, Lumberton.

Cox won the home environment/home energy contest junior division with a presentation on hazardous household products. Cox, 12, is the daughter of Mary Kay and Gene Cox.

Kirby

Kirby won the home environment/home energy senior division with a presentation titled "The Four Rs"—recycle, re-use, reduce and respond. She is the 14-year-old daughter of Bonnie and Wayne Kirby.



Jordan

Jordan, 14, won the electric contest junior division with a presentation on electrical safety.

Floyd won the senior electric contest by demonstrating how to wire switches to control a lamp from two locations. He is the 16-year-old son of Deborah Floyd.

Floyd

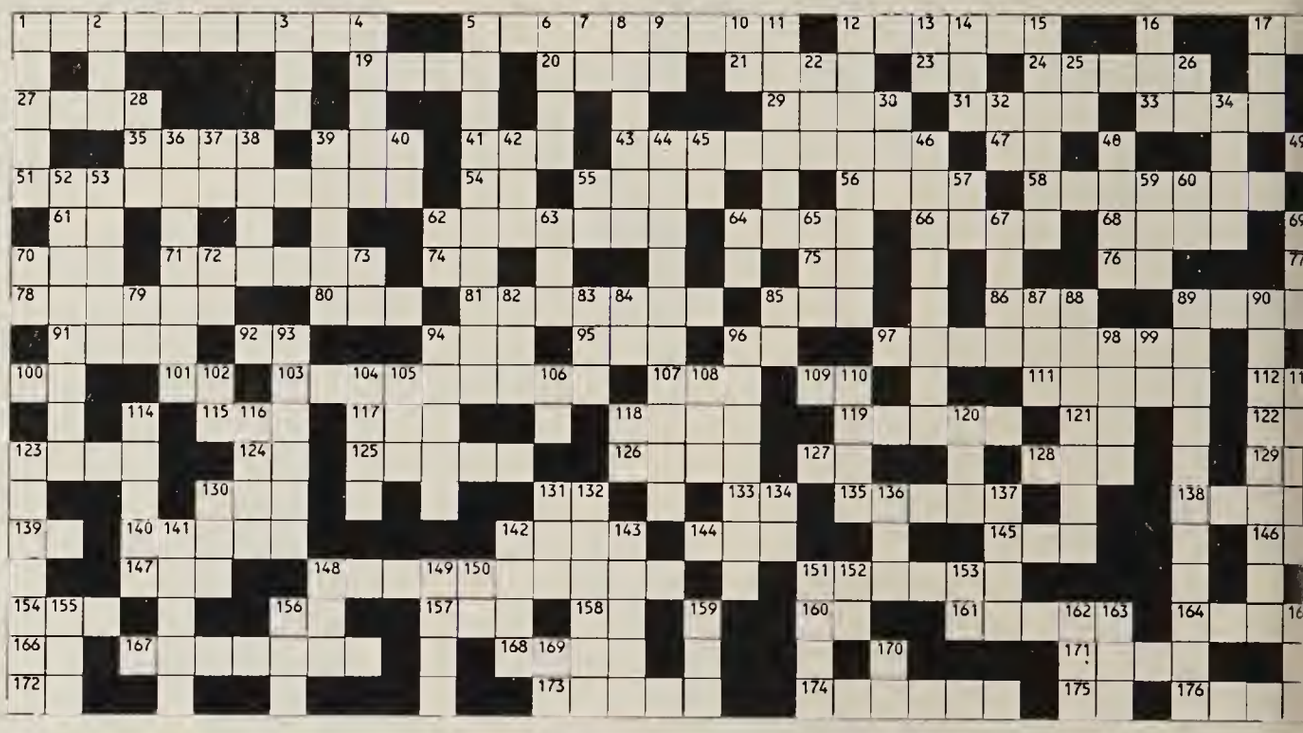
In each competition, the junior division was open to students ages 9 to 12. The senior division was open to students ages 14 to 19.

Cox and Kirby each received $50 savings bonds; Jordan received a $100 savings bond.

Floyd received a $150 bond and an expense-paid trip to the Eastern National 4-H Engineering Event in Richmond, Va.

CROSSWIRES

By Judith M. Smith



ACROSS

1. Links one thing to another
5. Produces electricity
12. Gauntlet
17. Payment
19. North ____
20. School in England
21. Platform extending from shore
23. Rhode Island
24. Connected with cables
27. Light____
29. Musical instrument
31. To give out
33. Popular magazine
35. To smash or break
39. A play on words
41. Abbr.: Technical Knock Out
43. A source of light
47. "Where it's __ "
49. To perform or execute
51. Power
54. Hello
55. To fix
56. Girl's name
58. A device to determine direction
61. Illinois
62. Receives or responds to stimulus
64. System of power lines
66. Expression in pain
68. One who is brutish
69. Southeast
70. Short for Avenue
71. Used to reach high places
74. Initials: Teddy Roosevelt
75. Northeast
76. Georgia
77. Abbr.: emergency room
78. Writing utensil
80. Use a needle and thread
81. Underground access
85. Not the beginning
86. Boy
89. All
91. Frogs cause them?
92. Not them
94. "My ____, Sal"
95. Girl's name
96. Prefix meaning two
97. Measures difference between volts
100. Abbr.: for Biblical book-Sirach
101. Abbr.: year
103. Conducts electricity
107. _____ and ather"
109. [illegible]script
111. A[illegible]orium for sp[illegible]g events
112. Ott[illegible] of the Ott[illegible]n Empire
115. ____ ck
117. Indiv[illegible]l Retire[illegible]t Account
118. Power __
119. Measur[illegible]and regulate[illegible]urrent
121. Sun god
122. Give assent by bowing head
123. High-spirited
124. Roman numeral for 101
125. Marconi's invention
126. Music: a passage that brings a movement to a close
127. Acronym: volume unit
128. Edge of a glass
129. Chemical abbr.: Tin
130. Short for document
131. South Dakota
133. Knock Out!
135. A color
138. ____ and Fortune
139. In the event that
140. Large, wading bird
142. Not his
144. Domesticated animal
145. Type of tree
146. Internal Revenue Service
147. Girl's name
148. A branch station
151. Opposite of passive
154. Gentle ___
156. Symbol for plutonium
157. Paddle in a boat
158. Roman numeral for 51
160. Abbr.: bank draft
161. George Burns and Gracie _____
164. Water vapor
166. French article
167. Proof of purchase
168. Type of pickle
171. Entice
172. Abbr.: elevated train
173. Something of value
174. Power is action
175. Symbol for manganese
176. Spoils

DOWN

1. Another word for pay tv
2. Nothing
3. Abbr.: for a Canadian city
4. To gush forth in a stream or in spurts
5. Energy from the heat of the earth
6. Fiddled while Rome burned
7. Latin: and
8. One that rolls
9. Article
10. Abbr.: opus
11. To act with wild abandon
12. Restricted as punishment
13. Used with either
14. Contend
15. Opens an electric circuit
16. Short for gelatin
17. A word to express distaste
18. "Mister ___"
22. A period of decline
25. Italy
26. Roman numeral for 501
28. British Broadcasting Corporation
30. Musical Group: Electric Light Orchestra
32. Massachusetts
34. To blend
36. Electric cooperative is one
37. Abbr.: Sister
38. Roped
39. Tubes
40. New York
42. Relative
44. Prevents passage of electricity
45 Abbr.: good
46. A reduction of power
48. Combination of smoke and fog
50. Excessive
52. Don't touch this!
53. Actress Verdugo
55. Missouri
57. Abbr.: Angstrom unit
59. Professional Golfers Association
60. Arkansas
62. Abbr.: street
63. Also known as Sol
64. Let's ___!
65. Motel
67. Young male horse
69. Red ___
70. Abbr.: Associated Press
72. Alabama
73. Abbr.: Rupee
79. Coasta Rica
82. Muhammed ___
83. Hurry
84. Opposite of off
85. East Indies
87. Acronym: American Medical Assn.
88. Crane
89. Transfers energy between circuits
90. Sends
93. To join at the ends
94. Short for graduates
96. Circuit _____
98. A group organized to work together
99. Prefix meaning into
102. Abbr.: Rood
104. Another word for cable
105. Period of time
106. Northeast
108. Also
110. Self-righteous
113. Slang: one who is doomed
114. To arrange in a pile
116. An image
118. Abbr.: lower case
120. Before (archaic)
123. Flexible
130. Hoover
131. Ready, ___, Go!
132. Makes a hole in
134. Short for overtime
136. Rodent
137. Christmas
141. Rituals
142. Not soft
143. Makes dirty
148. To eat
149. A short stocking
150. Abbr.: teaching assistant
151. Can do!
152. Short for Certif of Deposit
153. Virginia
155. Electric ____
156. Center of a pea
159. A seed in a hard shell
162. Tree
163. Member of religious order for women
165. 2000 pounds
169. Iowa
170. Southeast

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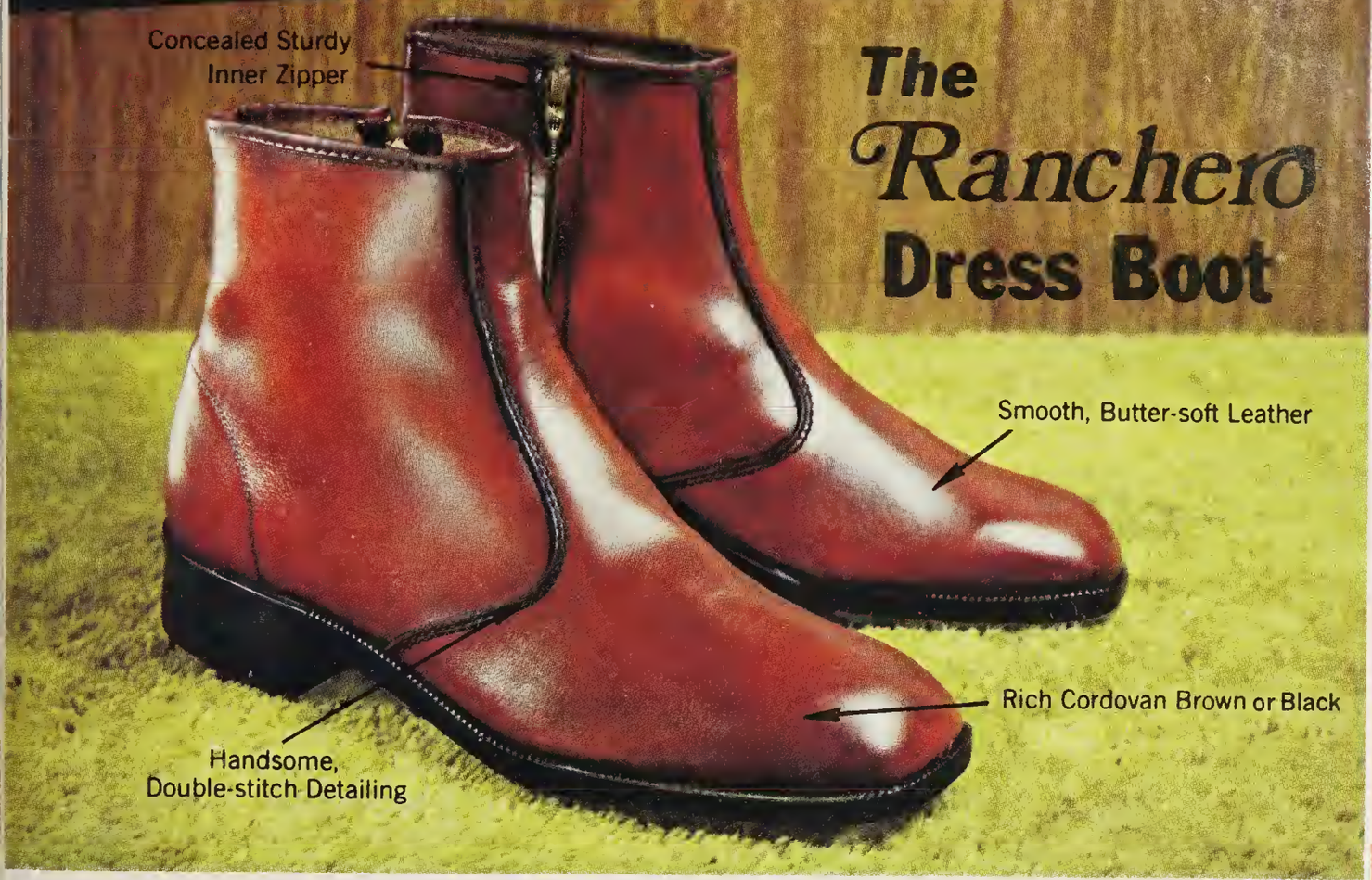

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Reverse Mortgages Can Turn You Home Equity Into Direct Incom

Retirees who own a home now have a new option for using the investment in the property as a means of boosting their cash flow.

It's known as a "reverse mortgage" and it's now available through any financial institution that is insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

The arrangement can provide a monthly check or a line of credit that would be tapped to buy a car or take a trip. It's often called a retiree's ream. But it must be carefully considered before the commitment is made because chances are the plan can't be set aside after it's in place.

This month's column explores this new program in detail and offers an update on the growing support in Congress for a bill that would overturn the "notch" ruling affecting Americans born between 1917 and 1920.

If you're retired on a fixed income, you may find that you need more money each month than you have coming in. If you own a substantial dwelling that is mostly or completely paid for, you have a couple of options for improving your cash flow.

You can sell the house and use the proceeds for daily expenses. But suppose you like living in the house, and plan to stay right there for many years—perhaps for life.

You now have another option called a "reverse mortgage." The name is an apt description. Just as you made monthly payments on the mortgage you took out when you bought your dwelling, you can now get money back each month from that investment.

These mortgages, which were begun experimentally back in 1989, are now nationwide. Any bank or other lender authorized to make loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration can now arrange reverse mortgages.

This plan turns your home equity into direct income without your having to sell the house and move out.

Under the plan, the lender agrees to make a loan against the value of the house and your equity in it, if you don't own the house completely. But you don't get the loan in one big check.

Instead, you either begin receiving a monthly check from the lender, or you get a line of credit that you can use at your own pace. If the monthly check is your choice, the size of your check depends on several factors. The value of the house and your equity are important. So is your age and the age of your spouse, if the mortgage is in both names.

The idea in the reverse mortgage are that the monthly checks will continue as long as you live or as long as your spouse lives. So the older you are, the bigger the check in relation to the structure's value. You will always get a check and you will never owe more than the house is worth.

In reverse-mortgage loans already made, people receive between $300 and $600 a month.

The same principle applies if you choose line of credit rather than monthly checks. If yo take a world cruise or buy a big car, you'll use lot of the line of credit. At other times, you ma not withdraw any money at all.

This loan is calculated so that you'll neve run out of money—or home equity. It's supposed to make allowances for inflation in the value of your dwelling in 10 or 15 years, but most lenders have become somewhat conserv tive in estimating your future appreciation. Some may even calculate for depreciation.

If you're interested in a reverse mortgag your first step would be to contact your bank mortgage company. You can also get informat about this from the Greensboro office of the I partment of Housing and Urban Development

Reverse mortgages have been recommended by many financial advisers, including organizations made up of older people. Some call it a senior citizen's dream. And there is no doubt that it can provide a useful monthly che for many homeowners.

But you should also be reminded that th is something final about a reverse mortgage. Once you have signed the loan and started wi drawing money, odds are that you cannot change your mind, pay off the amount advanc and resume your previous status as a homeowner. If the house makes up a major part of your estate, and you are anxious to leave some thing to your loved ones, this also needs caref consideration.

Here is another important note of caution A reverse mortgage is not the same as a secon mortgage, which can be taken out even if the s limited equity in the house. While some highl promoted second mortgages are aimed at the equity in your house they may not be based o your ability to repay the loan, as would be the case if you borrowed money from your bank c credit union.

If you sign up for a second mortgage, the default on your loan (which may have a high interest rate), the lender can foreclose and tal your house.

Measure To Overturn "Notch" Ruling Drawing Strong Support In Congress

Many North Carolinians, especially Social Security recipients born between 1917 and 1920, have been active for years in an effort to overturn the "notch" ruling that changes the way Social Security benefits are calculated for those born during that three-year period.

Congress has been considering several bills that would change the system, but the ruling remains intact. Now, 235 members of the House of Representatives and 32 United States Senators have become co-sponsors of House Bill 917, a consensus bill that would change the law.

Rep. Edward Roybal of California says: "Our bi-partisan bill simply patches up the notch pothole so that those born between 1917 and 1926 will get benefits similar to those born before and after them. It's a fair, workable solution."

Members of North Carolina's congressional delegation agree. Sen. Terry Sanford has long been a supporter. House members listed as co-sponsors include First District Rep. Walter B. Jones; Second District Rep. Tim Valentine; Third District Rep. Martin Lancaster; Fifth District Rep. Stephen L. Neal; Seventh District Rep. Charles Rose; Eighth District Rep. W.G. (Bill) Hefner; and Eleventh District Rep. Charles H. Taylor.

No action is expected on the bill this year, but chances are good that it will attract additional support in 1992.

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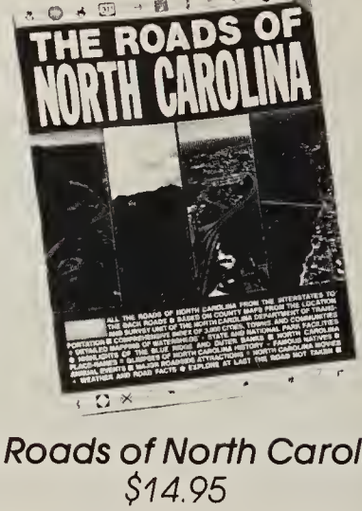

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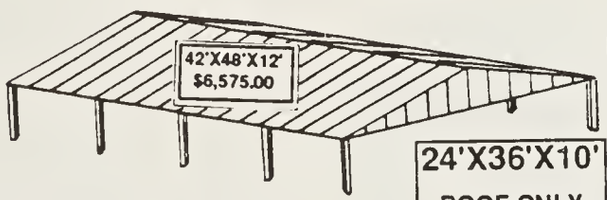

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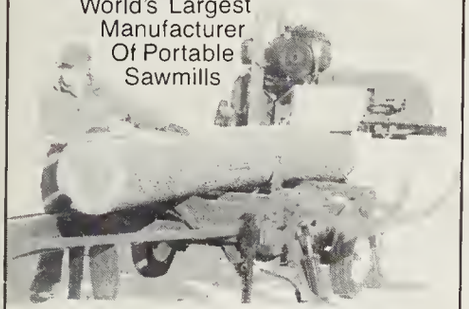

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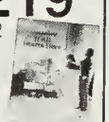

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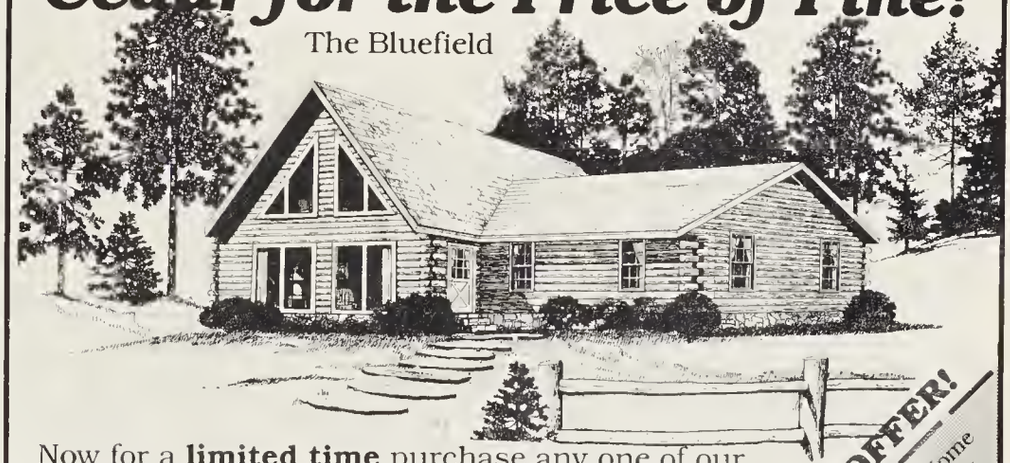

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Now's the time of transition in gardening, the changing of summer into autumn. Weather outside is inviting. It's a good time to condition the garden for cooler months ahead. At higher elevations a light frost could appear at any time.

Dig, divide and replant perennials that need attention. Reduce water and stop applications of nitrogen fertilizer to plants that need to be hardened for winter dormancy. Dig up tender plants that you want to save. Put them in an outdoor living area until cold weather, when they need to be moved indoors.

Fall Flower Planting

This is a good time to sow seed of cool-season annuals. They will germinate early, grow into healthy plants and produce flowers in the spring.

These include forget-me-nots (myotosis), larkspur, Shirley poppies, bachelor's buttons and Johnny-jump-ups. Sow them in a prepared garden bed at the spacing recommended on the seed package.

It's a good idea to sow them in bulb beds where the color, height and flowering season will complement the bulbs or conceal the maturing and fading foliage.

Garden Chores To Do Soon

1. Plant spring-flowering bulbs and hardy perennials such as iris, peonies and daylilies.
2. Enrich bare vegetable and flower beds by sowing clover or rye. Next spring, turn it under with a fork or tiller about two weeks before you plant.
3. Select landscape plants for what they will do for your home and yard.
4. Complete harvesting root crops such as carrots and seed potatoes. Give particular attention to proper storage temperature and humidity.
5. Delay major pruning until late winter. If done now new tender growth could be damaged by a freeze. Cuts made just before new growth begins in the spring will heal much quicker.
6. Set pansy and candytuft for autumn as well as early spring color.
7. Inspect garden equipment before storing for the winter. Mark equipment needing repair so this job can be done during lull periods of winter.
8. Plant spring-flowering bulbs.
9. Pick up and burn all fallen leaves under roses to prevent overwintering of diseases in the soil.
10. Keep leaves and pine straw from accumulating on lawns, especially new fescue lawns.
11. Pull green tomatoes and carry indoors to ripen.
12. Plant strawberries.

Root Cuttings

Most flowering shrubs can be propagated by means of hardwood cuttings taken at this time. Make cuttings of mature wood 8 to 10 inches long. Set in rich garden soil, leaving about 2 inches above ground. Or, place in large tin cans with drainage holes.

Camellias

For heavy-flowering camellias, remove some of the flower buds as soon as you can distinguish the rounded flower buds from the pointed leaf buds. This will give larger, more beautiful flowers.

Camellias can be treated with gibberellic acid to promote earlier and larger blooms. Apply one drop of the diluted solution in the scale remaining after removing the pointed growth bud adjacent to the larger flower bud.

Winterize Soil To Kill Insects

One of the best ways to eliminate many insects in the soil is to plow the ground now and let stand fallow all winter. Don't attempt to smooth the soil dow in an even layer—le it lie rough so winte freezes can kill man insects exposed in t plowing.

After fallowing th ground all winter, a fertilizer next spring before planting.

Fallen Leaves

As autumn leave begin to shed, worl them into a compo pile. Build a frame-work of chicken wi boards, or other building material t keep the leaves fro scattering. Add a fe cups of complete fertilizer to each si inch layer of leaves keep the material moist. Also work ir vegetable scraps fr the kitchen.

After several we this compost will have broken down enough to be used a mulch around shrubbery. It will improve the soil te ture when incorpo rated in flower bed and the vegetable garden.

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t Deciduous Trees and Shrubs Now

Most deciduous trees and shrubs up to
ı feet in height can be transplanted
re-root with little risk. A few possible
ceptions are oriental magnolia, cherry,
ch and dogwood. (Dogwood is safe if
g from the nursery where it has been
mpered" for transplanting.)

Cut away any broken or damaged
ıbs or roots. Stand the plant in a large
ıtainer. Pack soil between the roots and
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If you are planting a single-stemmed
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Select sturdy shrubs that have been
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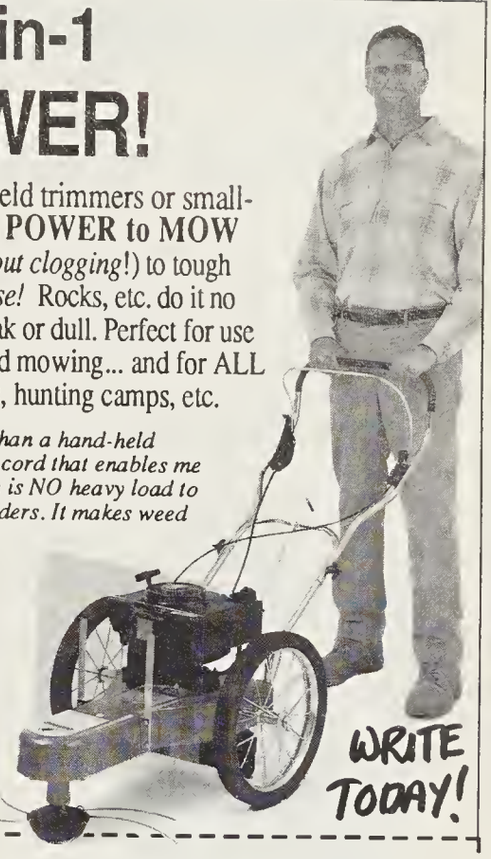

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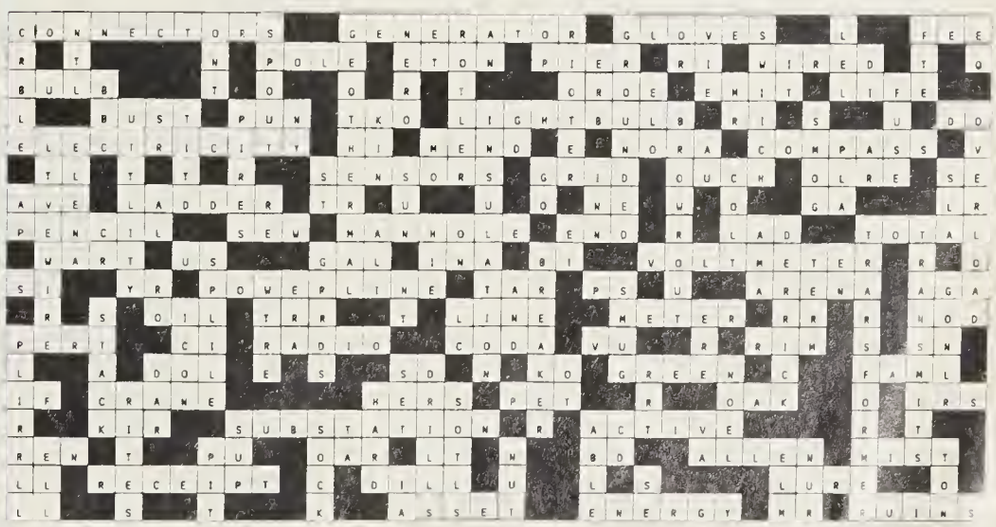

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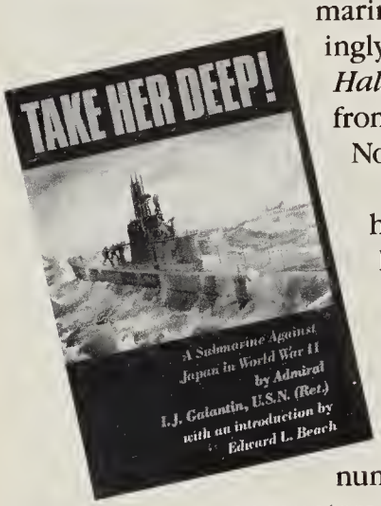
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The U.S. Navy had clearly established its dominance over the forces of Japan during this period, but was engaged in a number of combat encounters with the enemy. It was a period of rising frustration for the Navy as its torpedoes often missed their marks and sometimes failed to explode when they did manage to find the proper targets.

Admiral I.J. 'Pete' Galantin does an excellent job of revealing the emotions of the submarine crew when they were under attack, and also catches the triumphant moments when the crew's team spirit peaked following successful missions.

Galantin, his illustrious career completed, now lives in Pinehurst.

War books written a half-century after the actual conflict have a great advantage for they can draw on captured enemy records as well as factual information from American files. Events that were merely "educated guesses" at the moment of combat can now be fully interpreted.

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Combat makes a lasting impression on career military men just as it does on those who serve only during the actual hostilities.

Galantin had a long and distinguished career, eventually rising to four-star rank. Yet he devotes this book entirely to the 16-month period when he served as a commander, responsible only for a single fleet submarine and its crew.

This was clearly a milestone in his professional career and he wanted to share the experience with others even though his last patr was a rather devastating engagement that left his submarine battered and broken, able to cruise only on the surface. Its damage was so severe the Halibut had to return to the United States for major repairs

The admiral adds a nostalgic note about the ultimate fate of the *Halibut*. When it was sold for scrap after all its main equipment had been removed, the sale brought only $23,123 into the treasury

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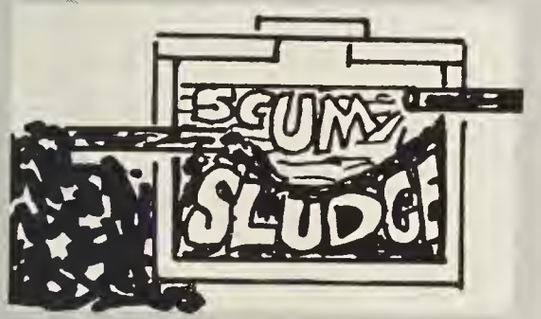

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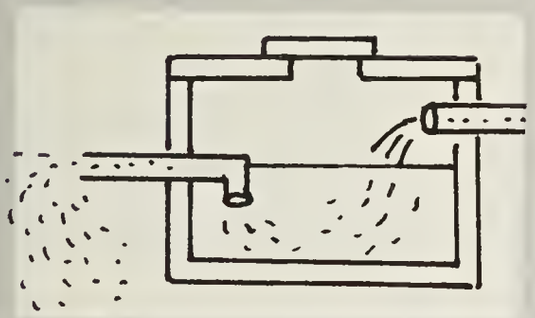

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The artificial iceberg in Faison cools vegetables such as peppers and cucumbers to remove field heat from them in order to extend their shelf life. The facility, which has successfully cooled produce for two seasons, is operated by Southern Produce Distributors.

Dr. Neal Elliott, senior engineering project manager at AEC, and Joe Gregory, director of agri-business development at CP&L, were recognized at the national council's annual conference in July in St. Louis. The council is a non-profit association providing educational resources on efficient energy use to rural consumers and agricultural producers.

The Silver Switch recognizes a project that has "economic and social benefits for farmers, the agricultural community and the electric utility." The "iceberg" is a point project of AEC, CP&L, Southern Produce Distributors, the N.C. Energy Division and the Electric Power Research Institute.

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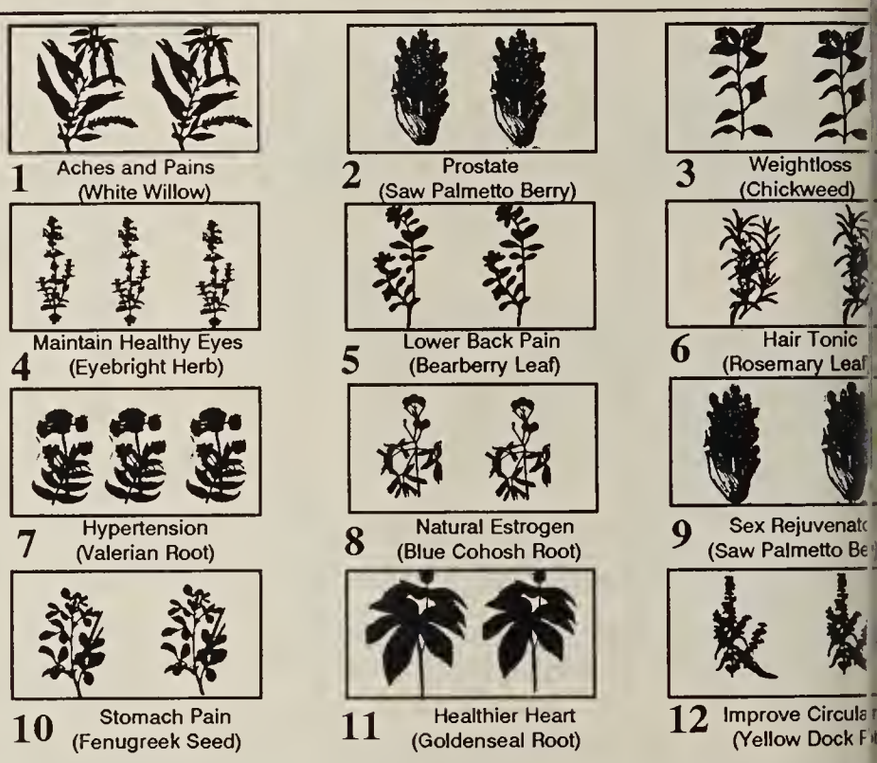
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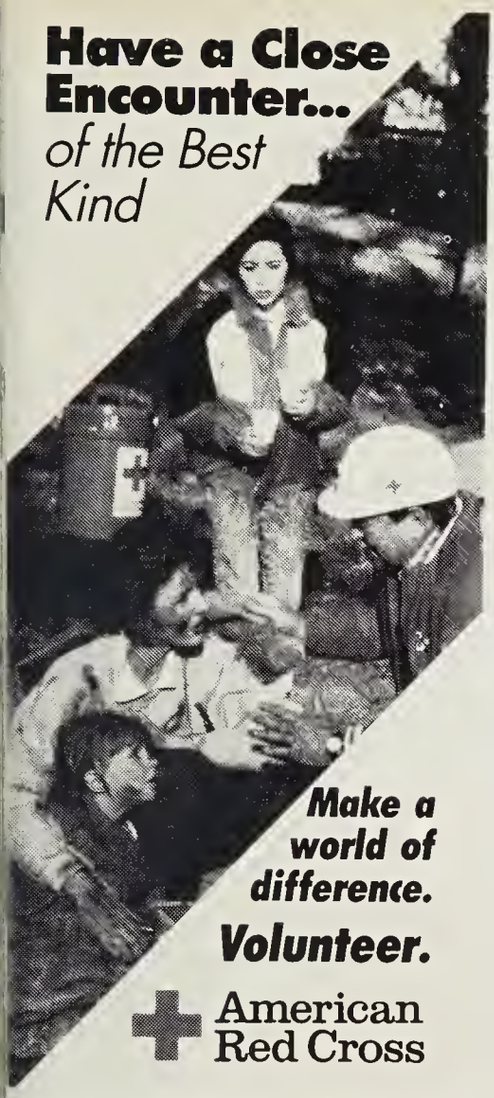

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By Owen Bis

Look, Ma, No Split Infinitive

Letters Prompt Columnist Humbly To Apologiz

Last month's column on words has already stirred a handful of readers to write, offering some observations about the piece. Two of them soundly took me to task for a grammatical error in the column: a split infinitive.

It appeared in the item on one of my pet peeves regarding words—the use of *hopefully* to mean *it is hoped.*

I vowed to oppose this use of the word although that may be a lost cause, thanks to the influence of the language slobs among us. I wrote: "I am compelled to hopefully struggle against these overwhelming odds." The word *hopefully* does indeed split the infinitive *to struggle.* Guilty as charged! I humbly apologize!

Cathy Johnson, an information specialist at Four County Electric Membership Corporation, Burgaw, wrote: "A traditionalist in the purest sense of the word would NEVER split an infinitive! My pet peeve!"

Another reader, who penned a few cryptic notes on a tearsheet of the column but didn't sign them, had this to say: "I am sure you know better than to use a split infinitive. A split infinitive is a No-No! Shame on you."

Meanwhile, Sam Speller of Williamston apologized for his sins as a language slob and promised to mend his ways.

He said, "I am writing to you today to apologize for being a language slob. In my earlier letter to you, I incorrectly used the word *fill.* I meant to use its homonym *feel.* I feel quite embarrassed by this. My hours are filled with responsibility. I am rushed most of the time. (It's not a true excuse for such behavior, but it's the only one I have.)

"Your column has inspired me to try and do better. It is hoped that I will be forgiven.

"You write that 'homonyms are words that are spelled and pronounced alike but have different meanings.' I feel this is misleading. Homonyms share the same pronunciation, but seldom are they spelled the same."

The Language Slobs Strike Again

Sign On Washroom Wall:
"Relax! For the first time today you know exactly what your doing."

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"I Know Your Married"

Pat Andersen of Lenoir, who admitted that words can make her "giddy," shared some of her language pet peeves:

"I enjoyed your Grits article in the latest issue of *Carolina Cou* and had to write and tell you so. I always read it and enjoy it, but this was on one of my favorite subjects—words!

"I remember synonyms, antonyms and homonyms though I so times have to look up their meanings and refresh my memory on wh is which. The words *metonym* and *heteronym* are new to me, and fascinating. My dictionary gives the example for *metonym* as 'The W House' for 'The President.' I once made a list of words that you call *heteronyms,* but I'd never heard of the word.

"I was thinking how ha must be for anyone to learn t English language when we h so many of these words! I jus listed them, but could've ma up sentences. A few that cor mind are *wind, tear* and *pres*

"I have a pet peeve abo couple of things. A restauran a large sign on the window advertising *ice tea* and another restaurant in the same chain called it *tea,* which I think is correct.

"I saw a notice in a washroom that somebody with nothing els do thought was cute. Too bad they couldn't use proper English. Wit italics added to make my point, it said, 'Relax! For the first time toda know exactly what *your* doing.' While I was still talking to myself ab that, I saw the title on a record, 'I Know *Your* Married' (your marrie what?). Whatever became of *you're,* meaning *you are?*

"My sister and a neighbor once called me on using the word *boughten.* They asked me what that word meant and where I picke up. I said the item was not homemade, but was bought at a store, an word is listed in the dictionary. Now I use it whenever possible, cau like it! And, I have it underlined with red pencil in my dictionary.

"Last night, while reading your column, I was watching footbal TV and wondered what the difference was between *umpire* and *ref* Looked them up and am still not sure why one is used one place and other, another! Is *umpire* just in baseball? My newer dictionary mak bit clearer. The old one used *referee* in the *umpire* definition and *u* in the *referee* definition! The new one says *umpire,* as in baseball an cricket. Is that cricket? Sorry, words get me giddy.

"This note proves I get carried away with words. But in trying look up the word *thesaurus,* I complained that if you can't spell the in the first place, you can't look it up very easily. My husband asked word I was trying to find and I told him *thesaurus* and he said, "Is th something like Toys 'Я' Us?"

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